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Statement from Governor Jan Brewer

Superior Court Rejects Temporary Restraining Order Against Medicaid Reform

"I applaud the Superior Court for not issuing a temporary restraining order that would have interfered with this phase of Arizona's Medicaid reform. This effort is necessary if the state is to get a handle on state Medicaid spending that has increased 65 percent in just four years.

"That said, I do not revel in this court decision. I recognize that our move to freeze Medicaid enrollment of adults without children will have real-world impacts on real people. But I remain convinced this cost-cutting move is fiscally necessary and will allow the state to maintain its core services.

"Today's court decision is one more legal victory for the state as it moves forward with its Medicaid reform plan. I look forward to the federal government completing its final review of our plan so that the State of Arizona can take the steps necessary to manage its Medicaid program in a manner responsible to enrollees and taxpayers."

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